Supervisor, new scale of pay, revision of scales of bonus and review of terms and conditions as stated above will come into force w.e.f. 01 Dec. 86 provided at least 90 per cent of the permanent employees as on date sign their acceptance by 31 Dec., 86. Permanent Canteen employees who do not accept these conditions will continue to be in the existing scales and draw allowances as heretofore.

Indo-Sri Lanka "Mutual Assistance Treaty"

*49. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the signing of a "Mutual Assistance Treaty" was contemplated between the President of Sri Lanka and the Prime Minister of India during the former's State visit to this country from January 25 to 28 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not signing such a treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Sri Lanka had handed over on January 19, 1988, the draft of a proposed treaty of friendship. During President Jayewardene's visit to India the Sri Lankan side referred to this draft and suggested that it could be discussed later after the Indian side has had time to examine it.

Defence build up by Pak along Wagah Khalra-Khemkaran Border

*50. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is building trenches and bunkers along the Wagah-Khalra-Khemkaran main axis in its border areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the Government's assessment of the situation and the reasons behind the above-mentioned build-up?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Government are aware that Pakistan has a ditch-cum-bund system of obstacles as part of its defence strategy since the 1965 war, in areas opposite southern J&K, Punjab and northern Rajasthan.

(b) Government keep a constant watch on all developments which have a bearing on our national security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Exercises conducted by Pakistan

*51. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 19th December, 1987 under the caption "Pak forces hold massive exercises";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that such exercises have been conducted near the Indian border; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to such reports?